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SUBJ: FONMIN RATSIKAKA STATEMENT ON VISIT TO NORFOLK

1. AS FIRST ITEM ON 27JUL MIDDAY NEWS, MALAGASY RADIO BROADCAST RETRANSCRIBED VERSION FONMIN RATSIKAKA'S PRESS INTERVIEW AT MALAGASY EMBASSY RECEPTION. WE UNDERSTAND RECEIPTION OF ORIGINAL VOA TRANSMISSION TOO UNSATISFACTORY TO PERMIT LOCAL BROADCAST OF TAPE MADE HERE.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON HIS IMPRESSIONS OF VISIT TO NORFOLD NAVAL BASE, RATSIKAKA IS REPORTED TO HAVE REPLIED, ".... IMPRESSIONS ARE A LITTLE MIXED. FROM A TECHNICAL POINT OF VIEW, THERE IS NOTHING TO SAY, BUT THE ATMOSPHERE DID NOT PLEASE ME AT ALL". ("....IMPRESSIONS UN PEU MITIGÉES. TECHNIQUEMENT PAR-LANT, IL N'Y A RIEN A DIRE, MAIS L'AMBIANCE NE M'A POINT CONVENUE".)

3. EMBASSY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING AS MUCH INFO AS POSSIBLE ON RATSIKAKA'S ACTUAL VISIT TO NORFOLK, INCLUDING ANY PARTICULAR INCIDENT, IF ANY, WHICH MAY HAVE LED FONMIN TO BE DISPLEASED. AS DEPT AWARE, RATSIKAKA HAD NEVER RAISED ANY RESERVATIONS HERE CONCERNING NORFOLK VISIT WHEN IT PROPOSED TO HIM.MENDENHALL

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